Wc, the Members of Mahila Swas-thya Sangh, commit ourselves to overall development and betterment of the life of the villagers in our country.

Statement-II

World Population Day, 1996

PLEDGE

I pledge to devote myself for the overall development of our country; for the better health of our mothers, and for a brighter future for our children.

I commit myself to spreading the messages of small family norm; right age of marriage and adoption of family planning methods to delay the first child as well as space the second child and promote a conducive atmosphere at home during the period of pregnancy. For, only a healthy mother can give birth to a healthy child.

I also pledge to work towards making the family welfare programme a mass movement.

May God Help me in my endeavor

Swasthya Mcias organised during the last two years

407. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of Swasthya Melas organised during the last two years and outcome thereof;

(b) the response to these Mclas in the tribal areas';

(c) whether there are any shortcomings of these Melas; if so, details thereof; and

(d) what follow-up action is taken after the mcla is over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQ-BAL SHERVANI): (a) 33 Swasthya Mclas have been organised through NGOs and these were successful.

(b) Response to these melas was satis-factory in all the areas.

(c) No shortcomings have been reported by the NGOs.

(d) In respect of serious cases referral arrangements are made by NGO con-cerned.

Achievement under the programme for Control of Acute Respiratory Infections

408. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement of Government during the current year under the pro-gramme for Control of Acute Respiratory Infections;

(b) the shortcomings of this programme and how this programme can be improved; and

(c) what further steps Government arc taking to control Acute Respiratory In-fections'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The information is contained in the Statement below:

Statement

The programme for control of Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) was launched in the country in 1990 as a pilot project in certain selected districts. Following successful implementation of the pilot project, ARI control was integrated with other interventions under the Child Survival and Safe Mother-hood (CSSM) Programme under implementa-